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"Recreation Passes Available for Lake Como"

Hamilton, Montana, May 23, 2007—Beginning Friday May 25, a Recreation Pass is required for parking at the Lake Como Recreation Area. Passes are \$2/day per vehicle or \$20 per family for a season pass.

Ninety five percent of the fees collected by the sale of Lake Como Passes are kept on site and used for maintenance of the popular recreation area. Recent improvements include new fire grates, additional trash dumpsters, additional gravel for roads, and removal and cleanup of hazardous trees.

"Once you have the pass, be sure to put it in your window so we know you have purchased one," advises Gary Richtmyer, Forest Recreation Specialist.

Lake Como recreation passes will be available starting Monday May 21 in Darby at Mr. T's Food & Fuel and Peoples Market, and in Hamilton at Riverside Conoco, Gas 'N Grub, Lone Pine Conoco, Anglers Roost, and Bob Wards Sporting Goods and at all Forest Service offices. Day passes can be purchased on site at self-service fee tubes. Also available at any Forest Service office are the new interagency passes such as Senior Passes, Access Passes, Volunteer Passes and Annual Passes. All interagency passes including Golden Passports are honored at Lake Como.

For more information contact Gary Richtmyer, Recreation Specialist at the Darby Ranger District (406) 821-3913, or 821-4298.

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